Agricultural Growth Rate

† 469. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for coming years a target of four per cent annual rate of growth has fixed for the agricultural-products in the country;

(b) if not, what is this target;

(c) whether assessment with regard to the required capital for achieving this target has been made;

(d) if so, the estimate with regard to the total capital needed for the agricultural sector; and

(e) the sources identified for providing it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (e) The value of agricultural output is targetted to increase at annual rate of 4.5% in the Ninth Plan. To, achieve this target, Ninth Plan envisages Public Sector Outlay of Rs. 42,462 crores for agricultural and allied activities. The sources identified for this outlay are Rs. 14876 crore from centre and Rs. 27586 crore from State Governments.

Effect of Import Policy on Agricultural Sector

470. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will' the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agriculture sector the largest

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.